CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of assembling and processing media content from multiple sources, comprising:

establishing a profile corresponding to topics of interest;

automatically scanning available media sources, selecting a source and extracting from the media source, identifying information characterizing the content of the source;

comparing the identifying information to the profile and if a match is found, indicating the media source as available for access;

automatically scanning available media sources for a next source of media content and extracting identifying information from said next source and comparing the identifying information from said next source to the profile and if a match is found, indicating said next media source as available for access.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the profile includes geographic and temporal limitations.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning and comparing steps are repeated until all available media sources are scanned.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts and radio broadcasts

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts and website information.

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7. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying information is extracted by extracting closed caption information from a video signal.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying information is extracted from screen text.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying information is extracted using voice to text conversion processing.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the sources of media content are made available at a first location and a user at a second location remote from the first location accesses the available sources of media content.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the available media sources are recorded or downloaded and reviewed at a later time.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein topics of interest are selected from the group consisting of sports, weather and traffic.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein media source available for access are compared to determine which source is more timely or complete.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein media sources available for access are priority ranked based on both information obtained from the broadcast and from the profile.

15. A system for creating a set of available media, comprising:

a receiver device constructed to scan and receive signals containing media content;

a storage device capable of receiving and storing user defined profile information;

a processor linked to the receiver and constructed to extract identifying information from a plurality of scanned signals containing media content;

a comparing device constructed to compare the extracted identifying information to the profile and when a match is detected, make the signal containing media content available.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the receiver, processor and comparing device are constructed and arranged to scan through all media sources scannable by the receiver to compile a subset of available media sources for review, that match the profile.

17. The system of claim 15, including a computer constructed to receive user defined profile information and compare that information to the identifying information to identify matches.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein the receiver is constructed to receive television signals.

19. The system of claim 15, wherein the receiver comprises a first tuner constructed to process television signals and the system further comprising a second tuner constructed to assist in the display of either available media or other media.

20. The system of claim 15 comprising a tuner for processing radio signals.

21. The system of claim 15, comprising a web crawler.

22. The system of claim 15, wherein the receiver, storage device, processor and comparing device are housed within a television set.

23. The system of claim 15, wherein the storage device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile information from a keyboard.

24. The system of claim 15, wherein the storage device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile information for a keyboard from a signal generated when a user performs selected mouse clicks.

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25. The system of claim 15, wherein the storage device contains a plurality of selectable predefined profiles.

26. The system of claim 15, wherein the system monitors a user's usage habits and modifies the profile based on those habits.

27. The system of claim 15, wherein the system includes an access screen, presenting both information contained within the accessable content and an access portal for accessing the accessable content.